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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-6-20

SUBJECT: LTP – EQIP ENERGY INITIATIVE (EI)

Purpose. To announce the National Energy Initiative for 1997-2004 EQIP contracts.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2006.

National Bulletin 300-6-23 is found at http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/scripts/lpsiis.dll/NB/NB_300_6_23.htm announcing the Energy Initiative for EQIP 1997-2004 contracts only. Offices should completely read the bulletin and its attachments.

This incentive will NOT require any modification to eligible contracts. The 15 percent increase will be automatically added by ProTracts to those contract items that meet all the qualifications.

NHQ has produced a list of those 1997-2004 contracts with planned practices eligible for the incentive, which will be sent out under separate cover. The state office will be sending the attached letter to each of these participants informing them of the initiative. As noted in the letter, it is the participant's responsibility to obtain technical assistance, designs, permits, etc. regardless of whether that assistance is from NRCS or Technical Service Providers (TSPs). The participant MUST have all their documentation for the completed practice submitted by COB June 30, 2006.

A participant requesting technical assistance to meet the initiative's timeline does not necessarily have a higher priority than other workload requests. Offices should follow their established workload priorities to service requests. DC's should keep their respective ASTC (FO) informed if the EI generates additional workload beyond their capabilities.

Questions should be directed to your Assistant State Conservationist (FO) or through the Area to Tim Koehler, Assistant State Conservationist.

/s/

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Attachment

DIST: ASTC (FO)
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